

**Camden Historic Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 12, 2012**

Members Present: Mark DeMichele; Judy McGuirk; Beedy Parker. Alternate member: Susan Snead. Volunteers: Ann Sziklas; Select Board Liaison: Don White. Garden Club Representative: Kris Mikkelsen. Past Chair: Meg Barclay!

The meeting was called to order by Susan Snead (acting chair) at 4 pm.

The minutes from the March 13 meeting were corrected and approved.

Chair's Report: Susan reported that Kit Parker has withdrawn as a member of the committee. Meg Barclay has been asked to complete the application for filling this spot.

Town Manager's Report: none

Don White reported that the Downtown Master Plan is finished and will come to the Select Board's next meeting (report only, no public participation), to be followed by a public information meeting in May. Copies are online and can be read at the Town Office.

The Camden Library is moving the Camden Herald files to the library and into storage.

Kit has the box ("black box") of committee information.

Don informed us that Elizabeth Moran is working on updating the Camden-Rockport Historical Society and has funding from the Town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Village Green:

Kris M. announced the May 14th workday on the Village Green, scheduled by Deb Masterson. She will be contacting Jeff Kuller (Public Works) about the missing chain on the boundary and leveling the heaving pavers.

Archives: none

Harbor Park and Amphitheater:

Beedy e-mailed Dave Jackson and Margo Murphy about the spring high school visit. Dave will do it, but Margo has just gotten the high school windmill up and may be overwhelmed. Beedy will contact her later.

Don reported that Dave hopes for the National Historic Landmark designation for the Amphitheater in the fall.

OLD BUSINESS

QR Code Update:

Kit has spoken with Dan Bookham and the project is moving ahead.
Don reported that Kerry Hadley (Opera House) says that the Town is moving ahead with it.
Decals in windows will probably be used and retailers may be interested.

Walking Tours:

It was suggested that the Camden-Rockport Historical Society may be a resource for volunteers to conduct walking tours, but that Dave Jackson should be consulted first. It was also suggested that the Camden-Rockport Historical Society be invited to one of our meetings.

Don White expressed interest in this project.

Downtown Master Plan: (see above)

Don explained that having the Master Plan will permit access to grants.

NEW BUSINESS

CHRC Goals:

Don passed out the Select Board goals, which included greening the Town Landing (a tree has been planted), bump outs in Main Street parking areas, the possibility of a two level parking building and working on a regional, regular transit/bus system.

It was suggested that we add working with the Camden/Rockport Historical Society to our own goals.

Meg addressed our probable participation in the historic portion of the upcoming Camden Comprehensive Plan work. It was decided that we would sign up as a committee. Susan will fill out the application for our committee to work with the Historical Resources Working Group of the Comprehensive Planning Committee and submit it to the Town Office.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

The next meeting of the CHRC will be held May 8th at 4:00 WSCR.

Respectfully submitted,
Beedy Parker